Ojibwa Housing Authority and Ojibwa College L'Anse, Michigan

Project Title Ojibwa Housing Authority IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$64,702

Nonfederal Support \$119,695

Project Period February 1, 2006 - January 31, 2011

Highlights The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority will provide

IDAs, financial training, and other services to 55

participants. Twenty-five participants will use their IDAs for first time home purchase, 22 for post-secondary education, and 8 will use their IDAs for business start-up capital. The program will match participant savings at a rate or \$2 to every \$1 saved. Through the Ojibwa Housing Authority and its many partner organizations, participants will have extensive access to financial and asset-specific training, financial counseling, tax services, and other supportive

services.

Target Population Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in and

around the L'Anse Reservation in Upper Michigan.

Grantee/Collaborative Description The Keeweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) was

created by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal

Council in 1965 to provide housing assistance and

community economic development to the Tribal community. The OHA is partnering with the Ojibwa College. The financial institution partner is Superior National Bank.